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National Preparedness Month **September 1-5 Focus on Floods**

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) with the theme:
Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.

Making a family emergency communication plan is a great way to prepare for disasters, but testing your plan is even better so you'll be familiar with how to respond.

In addition to the overall theme, each week of National Preparedness Month will also promote the following hazard focus themes:

September 1-5: Flood
September 6-12: Wildfire
September 13-19: Hurricane
September 20-26: Power Outage
September 27-30: Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day

During the week of September 1-5, the focus is on floods. Rain has been falling steadily for hours. The creek near your house is beginning to rise steadily and the road is now under water. What do you do and where do you go? This is a situation experienced by many Oklahomans in May/June 2015.

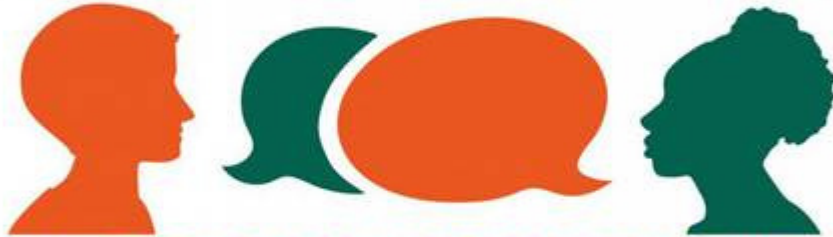
The most common natural disaster is flooding. It occurs in every season and can range from a flash flood to a river flood. Flooding in 2015 resulted in all of Oklahoma being declared under a State of Emergency. Many homes, businesses, bridges, and roads were damaged.

Next time floods threaten, have an emergency plan. Evacuate immediately if advised by authorities. Do not cross or drive through roads covered with water. If you are trapped, call 911 and then get to higher ground.

For additional information on what to do when it is flooding, visit
<http://www.community.fema.gov/hazard/flood/be-smart>

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MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



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